

★ **Saturday, 22 June (continued)**

Retreat (Colors) Ceremony at Fort Norfolk

Fort Norfolk, Norfolk

5 P.M.

Come observe the afternoon "Retreat" (lowering of the Colors) at Fort Norfolk. Free to the public.

Bicentennial Victory Ball (Ticketed Event)

Harbor's Edge, Norfolk

7 - 10 P.M.

Attend a Victory Ball, patterned on those that Dolley Madison hosted during the War of 1812. Dress in either period (1812) attire or appropriate modern evening wear, meet "Dolley Madison," and dance to early nineteenth century music performed by the Devine Trio. Mr. Corky Palmer will be the Dance Master. Your hosts for the evening include: Harbor's Edge, the Regency Society of Virginia, the Norfolk Historical Society, and the Portsmouth History Commission. *There is a fee for this event; for ticket availability e-mail victoryball@varegency.org*

★ **Sunday, 23 June**

Fort Norfolk reopens for tours and exhibits

Fort Norfolk, Norfolk

10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Same activities as those listed for Saturday, 22 June.

Remembrance Services

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church (Norfolk) &

Trinity Episcopal Church (Portsmouth)

Saint Paul's: 11:30 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

Trinity Episcopal: 12:00 - 12:45 P.M.

Attend services at one of our area's 19th century churches. Period attire appropriate to the early nineteenth century welcome. Afterwards, War of 1812 Societies will conduct wreath laying ceremonies at graves and markers of War of 1812 veterans. Free to the public.

Hoffler Creek Commemoration

Hoffler Creek Wildlife Refuge, Portsmouth

1 - 4 P.M.

Hosted by the Portsmouth History Commission

Come out and have a family feast! There will be a picnic followed by period music, military re-enactors, reading of the Victory Proclamation, John Quarstein to recount the battle and other family friendly activities. The cost is \$18.12 for adults, children 6 - 12 \$10.00 and 5 - under free. Call 393-9385 for tickets.

*The British are coming,
the British are coming... again!*

**War of 1812 Bicentennial
Battle of Craney Island
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**



“Come Celebrate the Bicentennial of Virginia’s Victory over the British. The Battle of Craney Island has long been an overlooked and unsung American victory during the War of 1812. Outnumbered by more than 2 to 1, 767 gallant American defenders fought off a determined British attempt to seize Portsmouth, Norfolk and USS Constellation – without losing a single person. This June the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth will pay tribute in bicentennial commemorative activities that will be open to the public.”

★ Saturday, 8 June

Battle of Craney Island at the Naval Shipyard Museum

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum and
Lightship Portsmouth Museum, Portsmouth

10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Living history demonstrations and hands-on activities commemorate the important role of Portsmouth in the War of 1812 and the Battle of Craney Island. Participants include the 2nd Virginia Militia and the Tidewater Maritime Living History Association. Free to the public.

★ Wednesday, 12 June

“Battle of Craney Island: Veterans Reminisce”

(Speaker Series)

MacArthur Memorial Visitor’s Center, Norfolk

7 - 8 P.M.

Hosted by the Norfolk Historical Society

Three veterans of the Battle of Craney Island meet in a Norfolk tavern in the summer of 1815 to reminisce about their roles in the battle. This first person interpretive program is performed by local re-enactors Steve Forrest, Chris Melhuish, and Mark Walsh.

★ Friday, 14 June

Flag Day War of 1812

Trinity Episcopal Church, Portsmouth

Church tours begin at 9 A.M.

Program runs from 10 - 10:45 A.M.

Hosted by the Portsmouth History Commission

Guest speakers begin this celebratory program alongside Trinity Church’s beautiful stained glass memorial to Captain Arthur Emmerson and the Battle of Craney Island. Free to the public.

★ Thursday, 20 June

Open Air Movie (“Old Ironsides”)

Hermitage Museum and Gardens, Norfolk

7:30 - 10 P.M.

Hosted by the Hermitage Museum and Gardens in partnership

with the Norfolk Historical Society and WHRO

Sit under the stars and enjoy the classic 1926 silent movie “Old Ironsides,” the story of USS *Constitution* during the Barbary War – before she won her famous nickname. Re-enactors in period attire will mingle with the audience to set the mood. Bring a blanket or beach chair. Open to the public (*admission \$5.00 for non-members of the Hermitage Museum*).

★ Saturday, 22 June

Historic Fort Norfolk opens for tours and exhibits

Fort Norfolk (corner of Colley Avenue and
Front Street, Norfolk)

9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

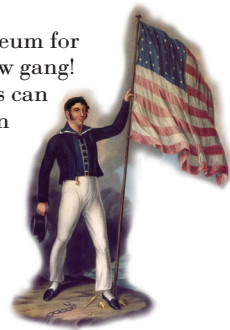
Fort Norfolk, completed in 1809, was Brigadier General Robert Taylor’s headquarters during the Battle of Craney Island. Planned activities include living history encampments, War of 1812 displays, re-enactors and weapon firing demonstrations. The refurbished 1850’s naval magazine will be open to visitors for the first time. A U.S. Coast Guard vessel is scheduled to be moored next to the fort for public visitation (subject to availability). Participants include: the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, the Norfolk Historical Society, the Norfolk Heritage Society, the Historic Ship’s Company, U.S. Daughters of 1812, and a variety of period re-enactors. Free to the public.

Celebrate Kids

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum and
Lightship Portsmouth Museum, Portsmouth

10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Bring the entire family to the Lightship Museum for the School of the Pirate with the Moody Crew gang! Nearby, at the Naval Shipyard Museum, kids can stomp rockets into flight and create their own military hats. Fee for both events, contact (757) 393-8983 for more details.



Portsmouth’s Patriotic Celebration

High Street Landing, Portsmouth

11:30 A.M. - NOON

Hosted by the Portsmouth History Commission

Attend the flag-raising of a huge Star Spangled Banner (15-star), complete with patriotic music, a narrated retelling of the Battle of Craney Island by re-enactor Eric Price, recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and a 21 gun salute volley. Meet Lord Dunmore’s Regiment - re-enactors in period uniforms. The event is free.

Norfolk’s Victory Celebration

Fort Norfolk, Norfolk

NOON

The Star Spangled Banner will also be raised over Fort Norfolk, with a formal 21-gun salute to the flag fired from three locations across the Elizabeth River. After the last shot, participating churches in Portsmouth and Norfolk will sound a traditional bell peal celebrating deliverance and victory. A Portsmouth and Norfolk Mayoral Victory Proclamation will be presented at the conclusion of the ceremony. Free to the public.